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REMEMBER

The friendly business firms who are patronizing the Labor Advocate and endeavoring to show their good will and sincerity through the columns of this paper, the official journal, deserve the patronage of loyal members of organized labor, and will be remembered by them on every shopping trip.

ASK LUKE McLUKE.

Can Witt handle Bigelow?

WE NEED THE MONEY.

Come on, Nick, be a good fellow and run.

ONLY ONE WAY.

If the machinists want to get even for the police beating them up, they should fight the Traction Company, which controls those who control our city government.

HE WILL LOSE HIS MEDAL.

Gov. Willis, the champion gliblet eater of Ohio, cleaned up at a banquet of railroad men last Monday at Mansfield. The gliblets must have been on the road a long time, as they made the Governor sick, but he is resting easy.

A BAD PLACE TO GET A GOOD START.

Peter Witt, who is employed by Kesley Schoepf, to convince the people that the Traction Company is all right, picked out a bad place to get a good start, by appearing before the People's Power League. If he can "bull" that gang, who are opposed to everything, even themselves, he has clear sailing.

ONE MORE COMING.

Gov. Willis said "he was surprised as the unusual activities of organized labor throughout Ohio."

There's another surprise in store for him next November through the unusual activities of organized labor.

THEY HELP ONE ANOTHER.

Last Monday our beloved Mayor had nearly a hundred police around his friend Geier's plant at Oakley.

Not to protect it, as there had been no disturbance.

But the police were asking the strikers to go back to work—a new thing in police duty.

The police themselves were working twelve hours a day for Geier, when the law calls for eight.

Puchta, Friedlander and Geier all belong to the same union, The Metal Trades' Association, and it's lawful for them to help one another.

WHAT WILL AMERICANS DO?

Herman Kellinger, president of the German Alliance of Ohio, telegraphed to John Schwaab, who represents the Kaiser in Cincinnati, and who believe that we should be governed from Berlin, that the hyphenated Americans of Northern Ohio are appalled at the news that the Hamilton County Machine is going to endorse Myron T. Herrick for United States Senator.

He states that Herrick worked in the interest of the Allies. This is a plain, ordinary lie.

Herrick, as Ambassador to France for the United States, became the representative of Germany when the war began and used his own private purse to help the Germans in Paris.

We are not going to support Herrick, but we believe in fair play, and do not think that every man in Ohio should be judged by his allegiance to Germany. If it is coming to that, the Americans should organize a union for self-protection.

As far as the Republican Campaign Committee is concerned the majority of the members are trimmers. But there is one man with the courage of his convictions, and if he is in favor of Herrick he will tell Schwaab where to get off; and that man is John R. Holmes, the first citizen of Cincinnati.

CHARITY COVERS A MULTITUDE OF SINS.

A few months ago a big campaign was conducted in the interest of a scheme called the Social Agency, to which our citizens subscribed \$150,000. It was organized by a gentleman from Cleveland in order to get a good job for himself. The campaign was advertised as a charity one, when, as a matter of fact, there is not a real charity connected with it, unless we call the Y. W. C. A. a charity, where you pay for what you get, or the Smoke Abatement League or Associated Charities, whom Mike Mullen has shown to be only charitable to those who work for it, and out of whom they make a profit. If you cut wood for a week you get a basket of groceries.

Charity and social work is now a regular trade. On this subject the New York World, editorially, says:

"Further light on the growth of organized charity as a gainful occupation is furnished by the report of investigators for the New York School of Philanthropy. They find that more than 4,000 men and women in New York city make a living in social work supported by private philanthropy. One social worker is paid \$10,000 a year, eight receive \$5,000 or more, and the salaries of 758 subordinates aggregate \$859,000 annually. Altogether the salaried workers in the private charities of the city are as numerous as authors, editors, reporters, civil engineers and surveyors, and they form a larger group than clergymen, architects, dentists or chemists.

"Surely an excellent record of development for a comparatively young industry. Conceived of as a white-collar charity for the support of deserving persons looking for an occupation that is entirely respectable and not arduous, organized social work is an admirable institution. It is something to provide for the financial needs of 4,000 citizens annually. Tested by results in the way of direct social service and uplift of economy and efficiency in humanitarian relief, after the due disbursements have been made for rents, furnishings, salaries for managers, supervisors, agents, inspectors, stenographers, expenses for stationery, postage and what not—estimates of the net profit to society of the lavish expenditure for social work are not so easy.

"It is clear that the middleman furnishes the same problem for philanthropy as for regular forms of industry. Here again the point is to bring the producer in closer touch with the consumer and effect economies of distribution which are impossible under the present wasteful methods. Private charity in particular has much to gain in efficiency from the abolition of sinecures and the elimination of extravagance. Having become a business, it should be administered on the same condition of strict accountability as any other business."

WHY USE IT NOW?

By THE RAMBLER.

From the first outbreak of the Mexican revolution, that had driven the powerful Diaz and the Church off of the backs of the Mexican people, to their present refusal to lay down their arms in recognition of Carranza's infamous plot to betray the best interests of a struggling people, and turn the land wet with their life blood back to the high financier of Wall Street no where is the class struggle going on with as clear a conception of the class interest of the disinherited as in Mexico.

The crocodile tears shed over the dear American lives lost on the Mexican border have wholly obliterated the dear American lives lost on the Lusitania.

Villa alone stands out as the monster upon whom America must vent her vengeance.

Every thinking human being may well ask the reason why American lives lost on the Mexican border are of so much more value to American national honor than the American lives lost on the Lusitania, or within our own national borders, at Ludlow, Colo., West Virginia, and Michigan, where the victims were helpless women and little children?

In no instance has there appeared in the columns of the capitalist press, under the heading of inciting to war on account of Villa's atrocities, which has been as outrageous as those perpetrated upon the innocent victims of the strike zones of America.

Are we to believe that death by American bullets is in some form superior to death from a bullet at the hands of the Mexican, Villa?

Is it not absurd to think that a man who is not courageous enough to avenge the death of those who are most dear to him (wives, mothers, sweethearts and daughters) is going to rush to the defense of a national honor which is represented by the high financiers of that nation, especially when he sees that these same financiers are too cowardly to protect their interests by the sacrifice of their own lives, but rather that they call upon the people to do so for them?

Why does the American nation, which boasts the same as all governments do to the governed people, of legal defense and paper laws upon the statute books of the nation? Why, we ask again, should it call like an anarchist upon its people's physical power to enforce and protect its property rights?

Where is your law supremacy, your dignity of courts, before which you have taught the people to bow in meek submission? Why, we ask all of a sudden, the necessity of these acrobatic somersaults upon the part of the Government?

Why drop the legal mask—judiciary forgotten law books religiously closed—whenever the interests of private prop-

erty and capital are seriously jeopardized?

It is then that you call on the hungry and ragged people, who are greater than courts, more powerful than law, to protect them, you who laugh in scorn at the ignorant working class. You now find yourself compelled to recognize their supreme power. You call on the people for protection.

Why should not the working class recognize their power, and say to the government (High Finance):

We are a violence that your courts denounce. Your prisons are filled with victims of your rule of legal paper decisions where you denounced direct action as a violence, and as a result we have ever suffered whenever we have practiced in our own interest. The physical force that you now call upon as a national defense is a violence. You have your courts, which you have used to suppress us. You are a government, backed by the brains of your wonderful legal talent and procedure, and yet you call upon the slums for protection—on the hungry and disfranchised working class whom you have ever exploited and persecuted for support. You who, through the dignity of your courts, have snatched the food from the lips of our hungry children. You who, by paper title deeds, have wrested the clothes from the backs of a people, whose power you are now forced to recognize.

We can now reply that as we were not allowed to use that physical force in our struggle at Ludlow and Virginia, only to protect you, you may now turn to your legal defense and courts.

We, as a people, hungry and disfranchised, turn to the points of production—to the fields, the mines and factories. Here lies our power.

Kingdoms and governments can die on the battlefield, if they so desire, but the working class is opposed to violence. We are the governors of the means of production, representatives of our industries and masters of our trades. We now refuse to use direct action or violence in your interest. J. H. BEYER.

65,000 ON STRIKE.

New York, May 4—About 65,000 workers on women's garments are striking today, with no prospects of immediate settlement. The union leaders say that 2,317 shops have been closed and that the strike is the largest in the history of the industry. The strikers have appointed a Settlement Committee, which is receiving offers of settlement from some of the manufacturers who are not members of the Manufacturers' Protective Association.

Willie's Philosophy.

"Willie, when did you wash your face last?"
"Mother, don't let's bring up the past."
—Judge.

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METAL POLISHERS STRIKE.

Athol, Mass.—Metal polishers employed at the L. S. Starratt tool shop suspended work after the company refused to readjust wage rates. The polishers held several conferences with the management, but were finally notified that no advance would be given.